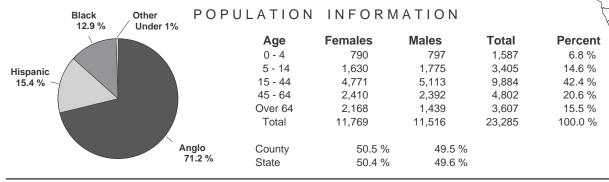


Selected Facts for Austin County - 1998

Demography

Estimated Population: 23,285 Population Per Square Mile: 35.7 Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 100 Area in Square Miles: 653



Socioeconomic Indicators							
	County	State					
Unemployment Rate	3.3 %	4.8 %					
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	184	474,755					
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	1,127	1,705,795					
Medicaid Expenditures ¹	\$ 8,823,321	\$ 7,139,928,839					

Medicaid (Title XIX)		
(1110) 1111,	County	State
Unduplicated Count of:		
Medicaid Eligibles ²	2,229	2,680,583
Medicaid Recipients ²	1,963	2,324,810
Medicaid Clients Served:		
Physicians Services	1,472	1,783,470
Inpatient Hospital Services	451	444,750
Outpatient Hospital Services	785	1,011,359
Prescribed Medications	1,630	1,894,447
Family Planning Services	134	181,434
THSteps (EPSDT) Checkups	636	1,103,223

Natality				
-			PERC	ENT
		Number ³	County	State
Total Live Births		373		
Adolescent Moth	ners (<18)	28	7.5 %	6.4 %
Unmarried Moth	ers	128	34.3 %	31.5 %
Low Birth Weigh	ıt ³	26	7.0 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ³		72	19.7 %	20.7 %
Fertility Rate ⁴	County:	78.2	State: 76.1	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases							
	RATE ⁴						
	Number	County	State				
Tuberculosis	0		9.2				
Sexually Transmitted Diseases							
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0		2.2				
Gonorrhea	27	116.0	166.7				
Chlamydia	51	219.0	306.8				
AIDS	2		21.3				
Hepatitis A	3		17.9				
Varicella (chickenpox)	0		103.7				

Mortality		RAT	E ⁴			RAT	E ⁴
	Deaths 3	County	State		Deaths ³	County	State
Deaths From All Causes	224	436.5	504.1	Diabetes	5		17.8
Cardiovascular Disease	111	165.2	179.7	Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	10		34.0
Heart Disease	91	139.1	139.3	Motor Vehicle Injury	6		18.7
Stroke	9		29.5	Homicide	0		7.5
All Cancer	51	129.6	124.0	Suicide	1		10.4
Lung Cancer	12		37.6	Work-related Injury	2		2.3
Female Breast Cancer	6		18.7				
Chronic Obstructive				Infant Deaths	2		6.4
Pulmonary Disease	6		21.9	Fetal Deaths ³	5		5.8

¹ Excluding Disproportionate Share Hospital payments.

² A county with more recipients than eligibles may reflect claims paid for a service rendered to a recipient in a prior fiscal year.

³ All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

⁴ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 1940 U.S. standard population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Health Professionals County	State	Health Facilities
Direct Patient Care Physicians	28,903	County State
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician 1,791	684	Acute Care Hospitals
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice 3,326	3,890	Licensed Beds
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn4,771	2,377	Staffed Beds
Registered Nurses	150,817	Disproportionate share hospital
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse 163	131	payments \$ 0 \$1,064,966,545
Dentists	6,991	
Ratio of Population per Dentist	2,826	Nursing Homes
		Licensed Beds
Participating Medicaid Physicians5	9,929	

All of Austin County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area and as a Medically Underserved Area as of January 31, 2000. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Austin County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program ² Mammograms performed	Primary Health Care/COPH Services ² Reported clients served
Children's Health Services Children's health services available to county residents Yes	Women's Health Services Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents
Chronically III and Disabled Children's Services ²	to county residents
Eligible children	Kidney Health Care ² ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments
Emergency Medical Services	Radiation Control Program
Ambulances permitted. 9 EMS personnel certified. 63	Health-related permit locations
Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)	Tuberculosis Elimination Division ¹
Family planning services available to county residents Yes	TB cases completing drug therapy
Food and Drug Safety	Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition ²
Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited	Clients receiving benefits725
	Zoonosis Control
Immunization Division	Number of animals diagnosed positive
Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20) 6,531	for rabies
Oral Health Services ² Children receiving dental care	

¹Data are reported by county of location of the provider.

²Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

Rankings by Selected Demographic and Public Health Measures 1996-1998 Average Values

Please note that the values presented on this page are based on a three-year average; they will not agree with values and rates shown on pages 1 and 2 of this fact sheet.

Demography	Value	Rank Q	uartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Population (3-yr. avg.)	23,039	100/254	3	N/A	96 - 3,159,990	19,442,404
Percent Minority ¹	28.4 %	132/254	2	LOW	3.8 % - 97.9 %	42.1 %
Percent age 0 - 4	6.9 %	108/254	3	LOW	0.0 % - 14.0 %	8.5 %
Percent age 65+	15.7 %	115/254	3	HIGH	4.8 % - 33.1 %	10.1 %
Unemployment Rate ²	3.6 %	190/254	1	LOW	1.7 % - 32.8 %	5.3 %

¹ Minority population is defined as black, Hispanic or other

² Percent of the active labor force

Natality	Value	Rank Qu	uartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Births (3-yr. total) 987						
Birth Rate ³	14.3	99/254	3	LOW	0.0 - 28.0	17.3
Fertility Rate ⁴	69.7	90/254	3	LOW	0.0 - 121.6	75.3
Unmarried Mothers	33.3 %	97/250	3		11.3 % - 54.2 %	30.9 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ⁵	20.6 %	128/250	2		4.8% - 43.1 %	21.3 %
Adolescent Mothers ⁶	6.8 %	99/249	3		0.0 % - 13.5 %	5.9 %
Low Birth Weight ⁷	7.2 %	143/250	2		0.0 % - 14.9 %	7.3 %

³ Live Births per 1,000 population

⁷ Live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams as % of all births (-- in column indicates no births)

Mortality	Value	Rank Q	uartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Deaths (3-yr. total) 720						
Death Rate	479.3	195/249	1		313.7 - 713.2	513.1
Heart Disease Rate	171.0	57/238	4	HIGH	78.2 - 237.3	143.3
Stroke Rate	21.9	159/176	1	LOW	14.9 - 53.6	30.4
Cancer Rate	125.4	144/230	2		63.4 - 203.7	126.0
COPD Rate	12.3	NR/145	1	LOW	6.0 - 55.1	22.3
Diabetes Rate	6.8	NR/112	1	LOW	8.1 - 49.0	17.7
Accident Rate	36.1	118/152	2		22.9 - 115.9	34.0
Infant Mortality ⁸	4.1	NR/46	2		3.7 - 11.1	6.4

⁸ Infant Mortality is deaths of infants under the age of one year per 1,000 live births (-- in column indicates no births) All other death rates are per 100,000 population and are age adjusted to the 1940 U.S. standard population

Morbidity	Value	Rank Q	uartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Chlamydia Rate	147.6	113/191	3	LOW	29.3 - 570.9	264.5
Gonorrhea Rate	75.2	54/119	4	LOW	11.9 - 344.3	141.7
AIDS Rate	4.3	NR/35	2	LOW	6.0 - 53.3	23.7
Reported Cases per 100 000 F	Population					

A rank of 1 indicates that the measure is the highest value among all ranked counties.

Mortality and morbidity measures with 20 or less numerator events in the three-year period are not ranked (NR). Natality measures based on a denominator of 20 or less are not ranked (NR). The second number in the rank column indicates the number of counties ranked for that measure. Quartiles are reported for all counties. A value of 1 indicates that the measure falls in the lowest 25% of all values, 2 in the next 25%, etc.

The designation of HIGH or LOW reflects a statistical comparison with the overall rate for Texas. Lack of a HIGH/LOW designation indicates either that the rate is not sufficiently different from the Texas rate or that it is not based on a sufficiently large number of events. This comparison is made for all 254 counties. Rates and values for counties or regions with small amounts of data should be used with caution as they are more susceptible to random variation and may not provide consistent estimates. Rates that appear to be high or low, but that do not have a HIGH/LOW designation are particularly unreliable. Conversely, small differences in rates that may be of little practical importance can produce a statistically significant comparison if they are based on a large amount of data. This is particularly likely to occur in regional comparisons, or with very large counties.

⁴ Live Births per 1,000 females age 15 – 44

⁵ Births to mothers who did not receive prenatal care in first trimester of pregnancy as % of all births (-- in column indicates no births)

⁶ Births to mothers less than 18 years old as % of all births (-- in column indicates no births)